GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:207
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INTER LINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of links proposed under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component;

(b) whether any target has been fixed for implementation of the plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether consensus among the concerned States under this project has been obtained for implementation of the plan;

(e) if not, the objections raised by the States; and

(f) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. â€ 207 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.8.2006 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING INTERLINKING OF RIVERS

(a) Under Peninsular Rivers Development Component of National Perspective Plan, National Water Development Agency(NWDA) after various studies identified 16 links for preparation of feasibility reports. The details of the links are given in Annexure I. Out of the 16 links, feasibility reports of 14 links have been completed so far.

(b) & (c) The time for implementation of ILR programme depends upon the consensus & cooperation of the States.

(d) & (e) A Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) between the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh and Union Minister(WR) was signed on 25th August, 2005 in respect of Ken-Betwa link under Peninsular Component of the Plan for preparation of the DPR of the link by Central Government. Further, Government has identified another four priority links, namely, Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal involving States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, Damanganga - Pinjal and Par-Tapi-Narmada links involving States of Gujarat and Maharashtra and Godavari (Polavaram)-Krishna

(Vijayawada) link involving States of Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh. The objections/apprehensions of the concerned States on priority links are given in Annexure.II.

(f) A group headed by Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC) and consisting of other officers of CWC and Secretaries of Irrigation/Water Resources Department from concerned States has been constituted in June, 2002 to discuss with the States the issues for arriving at a consensus regarding sharing of surplus waters and the preparation of detailed project report. The Group has held 4 meetings on 4 priority links.

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.207 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.8.2006 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING INTERLINKING OF RIVERS.

LIST OF WATER TRANSFER LINKS IDENTIFIED FOR PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY REPORTS BY NWDA

Peninsular Rivers Development Component

1. Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link

2. Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link

3. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala)link

4. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link

5. Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link

6. Krishna (Srisailam) - Pennar link

7. Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link

8. Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link

9. Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link

10. Parbati - Kalisindh - Chambal link

11. Damanganga - Pinjal link

12. Par - Tapi - Narmada link

13. Ken - Betwa link

14. Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link

15. Netravati - Hemavati Link

16. Bedti - Varda link

Feasibility Reports completed

ANNEXURE - II

ANNEXURE II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) & (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.207 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.8.2006 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING INTERLINKING OF RIVERS.

Objections/Apprehensions of the States

Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal:

Madhya Pradesh: To modify link to cover more districts in MP and to join the link at Gandhisagar

Rajasthan: To extend link upto Banas/Banganga rivers and more share in divertible water and to join the link to Ranapratap sagar

Par-Tapi-Narmada & Damanganga-Pinjal

Gujarat:
(i) Wants two links (a) Damanganga-Sabarmati-Mangrol and (b) Damanganga- Kakrapar within the State.

(ii) Forest clearance, R&R for Par-Tapi-Narmada link a difficult task.

Maharashtra:
(i) Trans basin diversion of water of Damanganga, Par, Nar, Ambica, Purna basins across western divide to Godavari & Tapi basins may involve huge lift

(ii) Extend Damanganga-Pinjal link upto Tansa river; Water contribution from the catchment in Maharashtra for Par-Tapi-Narmada link to be compensated in Tapi basin.

Godavari(Polavaram)-Krishna (Vijayawada)

Andhra Pradesh:
(i) Water requirements of Polavaram project by considering new cropping pattern and less delta by NWDA;

(ii) No surplus in Godavari basin & Matter is Subjudice before 2nd Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal.

Karnataka & Maharashtra :

(i) Separate agreement for sharing the surplus water; Sharing of additional quantity in Krishna due to link diversion in the same proportion as agreed to in Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal.

Chhattisgarh: Submergence of Polavaram in their state

Orissa: Submergence environmental impact analysis and R&R plan of project necessary.